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SUBJ: AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC VISITORS TO THE PRC

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1. THE INFLUX OF AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC VISITORS NOTED  
IN REFTEL B HAS CONTINUED BUT ESCALATED WHEN  
HUA KUO-GENG AND TENG HSIAO-PING RECEIVED NOBEL PRIZE  
WINNER YANG CHEN-NING ON AUGUST 27 AND HUA -- WITHOUT  
TENG -- RECEIVED NOBELIST TING CHAO-CHUNG ON  
SEPTEMBER 5. THE "PEOPLE'S DAILY" CARRIED BOTH  
EVENTS IN FRONT-PAGE COLOR PICTURES TO EMPHASIZE  
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OCCASIONS. ANG YI, VICE  
CHAIRMAN AND DE FACTO HEAD OF THE CAS ; WU YU-HSUN,  
VICE CHAIRMAN, AND CHU YUNG-HANG (WHO HANDLES  
THE US IN THE CAS) ATTENDED BOTH MEETINGS.

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TANG WEN-SHENG OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, CHOU PEI-YUAN OF THE SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AND YUEH TAI-HENG  
OF THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE ALSO ATTENDED  
HUA'S RECEPTION OF YANG BUT NOT THAT OF TING.

2. DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK, DR. NIU

MAN-CHIANG OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY WAS RECEIVED BY TENG HSIAO-PING (REFTEL A) AND ON AUGUST 29 THE "PEOPLE'S DAILY" CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE FRONT PAGE ABOUT NIU'S RESEARCH WITH TUNG TI-CHOU ON THE USE OF RNA IN CHANGING THE GENETICS OF HIGHER PLANTS AND ANIMALS. NIU GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO PEKING RADIO JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AUGUST 30 FOR THE US. FOR THE LAST FIVE SUMMERS, NIU HAS LIVED AT CHINESE EXPENSE AT THE PEKING HOTEL AND WORKED AT THE CAS INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY.

3. THIS INCREASING ATTENTION TO SCIENTIFIC MATTERS BY THE PRC AND THE RECEPTION BY HUA AND TENG OBVIOUSLY SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO IT SINCE TENG'S RESTORATION. THE FACT THAT YANG, TING AND NIU ARE SINO-AMERICANS IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. YANG TOLD AN AMERICAN FRIEND HERE THAT HIS VISIT TO CHINA WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE PRC TO RE-ESTABLISH ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC TRAINING IN CHINA. YANG ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT FOREIGN-TRAINED CHINESE LIKE HIMSELF HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS EFFORT. LIU HUA-CHING OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TOLD AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK SEPTEMBER 6 THAT "FRIENDLY SCIENTISTS" FROM THE

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US HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN CHINA'S SOCIALIST ECONOMIC CONSTRUCTION. PRESUMABLY HE WAS REFERRING TO CHINESE-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS.

5. COMMENT: THE USE OF FOREIGN-TRAINED CHINESE SCIENTISTS TO HELP FILL CHINA'S TECHNOLOGY GAP WOULD BE A NATURAL STEP. THESE SCIENTISTS, MOST OF WHOM WERE TRAINED IN THE US, HAVE BOTH THE SCIENTIFIC AND LINGUISTIC ABILITY TO BRING THE LATEST IN SCIENCE TO CHINA. YANG AND TING'S PARTICIPATION SHOULD GIVE THE ENTERPRISE PRESTIGE. HOWEVER, MANY AMERICAN-TRAINED CHINESE MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE RESTRAINTS IMPOSED HERE, AND ANY LARGE-SCALE USE OF CHINESE SCIENTISTS ABROAD MIGHT ENTAIL SOME CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR LESS FAVORED CHINESE COLLEAGUES.

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